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### AHS accepting toys as payment for parking tickets

GRANDE PRAIRIE – Alberta Health Services (AHS) is bringing back its Toys for Tickets campaign, which gives people who've recently received an AHS parking ticket an opportunity to donate a new, unwrapped toy rather than paying their fine.

“Last year was a huge success as we collected more than 470 toys province wide,” says Nick Ternovatsky, Director of Parking, AHS. “Given its past success and positive reception, we are happy to launch it once again this holiday season.”

Parking Services will be accepting toy donations as an alternative to paying for tickets issued between Nov. 6 and Dec. 15, 2023. Toys should be in the original packaging, and for ages newborn to 17 years. Value of each toy must be at least \$25. The toys will be donated to various children's foundations and charity organizations to be given to children throughout the province. Toys will be accepted until Dec. 15 at any AHS parking office.

Recommended donations include books, art supplies, science kits, electronics, headphones, Lego sets, portable DVD players, rattles, baby toys, journals, activity books, crayons, colouring books, and gift cards for grocery stores and restaurants (for families).

Visit the [AHS website](#) for the Grande Prairie AHS parking office hours and location, as well as for information on the [Toys for Tickets campaign](#).

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

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